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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Kai Lehmann et al

Title: DEVICE FOR CHANGING THE ANGLE OF ROTATION OF A CAMSHAFT  
RELATIVE TO A DRIVE WHEEL OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE

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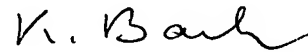
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references are considered to represent the state of the art. The references considered to represent the closest state of the art, that is, DE 195 02 496 A1 and 4 406 990 A1 have been discussed in the introductory part of the application. The references do not disclose that in a device for changing the angle of rotation of a camshaft arranged in a cylinder head of an internal combustion engine relative to a drive wheel of the internal combustion engine, wherein a hydraulic adjusting arrangement is arranged between the drive wheel and the camshaft and is connected to a fluid circuit of the internal combustion engine, and wherein the fluid supply to the adjusting arrangement is controlled by an

on/off valve, the on/off valve is mounted near the camshaft and is supplied with fluid via the camshaft.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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		<b>195 08 505</b>	<b>09/14/95</b>	<b>DE</b>				<b>X</b>
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